

DEMOCRATIC UNITY URGED.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKES AN APPEAL.

Plea for Goshel in Kentucky.—J. G. Johnson of Kansas Made General Manager with Headquarters in Chicago.—McLean and George Fred Williams Have a Tilt.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Party unity among Democrats was the central idea of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee in Chicago to-day. The olive branch was held out to the Gold Democrats; the factions in Kentucky were appealed to be good, and the committee decided to maintain national headquarters in Chicago, with J. G. Johnson of Kansas in charge. In fact, Mr. Johnson was made the general manager of the party organization. He will have charge not only of the work of general organization, but also of the work of collecting funds and of the campaign press bureau. He will be assisted for the present by Sam B. Cook, who is now manager of the Ways and Means Bureau. P. J. Devlin's press bureau in John P. Altgeld's building will be closed and the whole Democratic machinery will be managed by Messrs. Johnson and Cook in the rooms in the U. S. Building now occupied by Mr. Cook. This was substantially the work done to-day by the Executive, the Press and the Ways and Means Sub-Committees of the National Committee.

The address of the National Committee to the Democracy of the Nation, ending harmony and united effort, was in the shape of a resolution offered by Vice-Chairman W. J. Stone of Missouri, and was adopted by a unanimous vote. The resolution was as follows:

"The National Committee of the Democratic party in session in Chicago to consider the work of party organization preparatory to the campaign of 1900, sends greeting to the Democratic party of the nation with the assurance that the prospect of Democratic success next year grows brighter every day, and we have every reason for confidence as to the outcome. The great need now is party unity and thorough organization. The committee appeals therefore to our party friends in all the States, and especially in the States where elections are to be held this year, to put aside all local differences wherever they exist and support the regular party ticket earnestly and enthusiastically, keeping always in view the great struggle of next year and remembering that in unity there is strength, and in division, weakness. Especially do we appeal to the Kentucky Democracy to give loyal support to the regular ticket in that State, headed by Mr. Goshel, and to the Missouri Democracy to support the regular ticket in that State, headed by Mr. McLean, and to the Illinois Democracy to support the regular ticket in that State, headed by Mr. Bryan. The only incident out of the common that marked the meeting of the sub-committee was a tilt between John R. McLean of Ohio and George Fred Williams of Kansas, who are the most radical type and a follower of John P. Altgeld. When the National Committee met here in July he seemed to think that most of its members were ready to toss Bryan over the party's back fence. At to-day's meeting he announced that he would be compelled to leave Chicago on October 1, in order to prepare for the approaching convention in Massachusetts. Mr. McLean inquired what was the necessity of selecting national delegates at this time, many months in advance of the National Convention. Mr. Williams replied that the silver Democrats of Massachusetts wanted to be certain that silver men would be sent from that State; that they proposed to choose them now, while they were in control, and hence the extraordinary early convention.

Mr. McLean made a reply in language that implied but little confidence in Democrats who were so much afraid of themselves that they didn't dare hold their convention at the usual time. He said that much of the suspicion that disloyalty to Bryan and the Chicago platform existed in the party, was due to Gov. Stone calling the conference to order. J. G. Johnson of Kansas, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was called to the chair and C. A. Walsh of Iowa acted as Secretary. The following National Committeemen were present:

Executive Committee.—J. G. Johnson, Kansas; W. J. Stone, Missouri; J. M. Guffey, Pennsylvania; Thomas Gahan, Illinois; J. M. Hend, Tennessee; H. D. Clayton, Alabama; W. H. Thompson, Nebraska; George Fred Williams, Massachusetts; and T. D. O'Brien, Minnesota. Ways and Means Committee.—John R. McLean, Ohio; Urey Woodson, Kentucky; Adair Wilson, Colorado; and J. G. Johnson, Kansas. Press Committee.—Clark Howell, Georgia; C. A. Walsh, Iowa; and J. G. Johnson, Kansas. The absentees were Campbell of Michigan and Shanklin of Indiana of the Executive Committee; Dwyer of California, Tillman of South Carolina and Campbell of New York, of the Ways and Means Committee; and Daniels of North Carolina and Troup of Connecticut. The fact that William J. Bryan did not remain to attend the meeting caused comment, inasmuch as he had made a point to be present at nearly all the party conferences held this year. As he was in Chicago on Saturday it was expected that he would stay over a day to meet the managers. The reason given for his absence was that his activity has elicited criticism from those who believe a Presidential campaign should not mix so freely in caucuses and conferences and that he therefore decided to stay away. The joint committee of the organization by States as heretofore. When it was proposed to establish national headquarters in Chicago, objection was made on the ground that the newspapers here did not treat Senator Jones and the Democratic managers in 1893 well. Mr. Gahan championed Chicago, and said that no matter where the national headquarters were, the work of organization for the campaign would be done here.

The principal speakers were John R. McLean, W. J. Stone, Thomas Gahan and H. D. Clayton. All were outspoken for Bryan and the Chicago platform. Ex-Gov. Altgeld arrived at the hotel after the meeting and talked with members of the committee. He was evidently not much impressed with the committee's appeal to the Democracy. When asked what he thought of it he said: "I don't know anything about it. I have no interest in it and am here just to see some of my friends."

Mr. McLean was questioned regarding a New York despatch referring to a letter written by the late J. B. Eustis, in which it was intimated that Mr. McLean would like to drop Bryan and tilt J. B. Eustis. In reply to this Mr. McLean said: "All my actions and the course of my newspaper prove that there is nothing in this story. Senator Eustis called at my house in Narragansett. I do not remember whether there was any conversation along the line suggested in this letter, which seems to have been written to someone whose name is suppressed. When a friend calls on me at my house I do not enter into an argument with him."

Mr. McLean wants to secure the Cook County Democracy to do its characteristic cake walk through Ohio during this fall's campaign. The club will probably make the tour as requested by Mr. McLean.

The best class of tourists repeat their Day Line trip. Why? Ask anyone.—Ad.

THE PRESIDENT TELLS A STORY.

How He Knocked Out Pugnacious Corbett's Son When He Was Running for Governor.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—A delegation of Grand Army men from Hamilton, Ohio, on their way home from the recent encampment at Philadelphia, called at the White House to pay their respects to President McKinley a few days ago. As each was introduced in turn the President greeted him cordially with a handshake. As soon as they were through, the delegation made a move to leave the room, but the President stopped them. "I am glad to see men from Ohio," said he, "and especially from Butler county. I've been in Hamilton frequently and recall my visits with a good deal of pleasure. I especially remember the last time I was there," continued Mr. McKinley with a smile. "It was while I was running for Governor. I made a speech in Hamilton, and we had a reception after the speechmaking was over. There was a big crowd at the reception, and among others I remember meeting the pugilist Corbett. He was giving some sort of an exhibition that day. As he passed in line I caught his eye and recognized him. He had a sober, serious, disappointed expression on his face. When his turn came I shook hands with him and said I was glad to meet him."

"Thank you, Mr. McKinley," he said. "I'm glad to know you, sir. But I wish, I wish, I wish to see you again. You've knocked my exhibition box high. Everybody went to meet you and nobody came to see my show. Hereafter I'm going to dodge every town you speak in. If I don't, I'll be broke before the end of the season."

"I thought," added the President, "and told him that he was probably the better show, but that I had just one advantage—my exhibition was free, while his, on the other hand, cost so much a head for admission."

BRITAIN'S CAMPAIGN IN NEBRASKA.

Questioned During His Speech at O'Neill, He Defends His War Record.

O'NEILL, Neb., Sept. 18.—Col. W. J. Bryan opened the Nebraska campaign for the fusion forces here this afternoon in the presence of 10,000 persons who had assembled from Holt, Brown and adjacent counties to greet him. Tea brass bands added to the enthusiasm. Mr. Bryan admitted that the campaign in the State would be largely on national issues because, he said, he knew the opposition there. He said the principles of the last national platform were eternal, and he declared that other issues equally as everlasting would be added, such as, for instance, as opposition to the policy of expansion. "Some one in the crowd yelled: 'Why didn't you go to Cuba?'"

"I answered instantly, 'I offered my services as a Republican President the day war was declared and they were never accepted. I then recruited a regiment of my own and for five months tried to get into service. I had nothing but peace. Then I resigned to come home and fight the Republicans and since then I have had nothing but war.'"

Mr. Bryan referred to silver and asserted that the issue of 1892 was as good as today's and would be as active in deciding this battle as it was in 1892. He said: "I am not afraid of the results. The people of Nebraska are organized for a combined assault upon the enemy of the masses. Trusts, too, will come in for a share of condemnation, but the forces of reform will still have time to rebuke a Republican Administration for its course in the Philippines."

Bryan will be in the State two weeks, speaking twice a day and visiting twenty-three counties. Then he goes South, returning to Nebraska to complete the last two weeks of the campaign.

GEN. ALGER'S WITHDRAWAL.

Text of His Letter Declining to Be a Candidate for the Senate.

DETROIT, Sept. 18.—The letter written by Gen. B. A. Alger in New York on Sept. 8, withdrawing from the contest for the United States Senate, was made public to-day. It is as follows:

"THE WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, 1899. 'My Dear Mr. Johnson: After careful consideration, I have decided not to be a candidate for the United States Senate. My reasons for this determination are personal and of a business nature. I fully appreciate and thank you and my many other friends for offered support, and hope to be able in the future to show my gratitude for what has been done for me by the people of our State. I am, my dear sir, sincerely yours, 'Hon. William Judson, Ann Arbor, Mich.'"

"I WILL BUILD A HOTEL IN SIAM."

A New Haven Man Has Got a Concession from the King to Erect It.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 18.—Wallace J. Palmer of this city has received permission from the King of Siam, to build an immense hotel in Bangkok, the capital of Siam, and he will begin work on it as soon as he returns to Siam. He will go back there in about a month. He already has a hotel in Bangkok, but it is not large enough. He said to-day:

"The new hotel will cost \$200,000 in our money. It will be 1,000 feet long on the river and be four stories high."

"The King and the people are well pleased with the hotel. They saw that it is a good thing for their country to have travelers come in. Since the King came back from Europe he has given many diplomatic honors to his subjects on the European plan. He has European meals generally and I have catered to him. We became very close friends in that way and he gave me a concession of a great piece of land for a new hotel."

YELLOW JACK CASE ON WARD LINE.

Sick Passenger Landed at Havana Dies of the Fever—Steamer to Be Fumigated.

HAVANA, Sept. 18.—The Ward Line steamer Velez, which left here last Monday from New York, brought among her passengers a Frenchman who was ill. He was taken ashore. Yellow fever developed and he died on Saturday.

The Velez had proceeded for Mexico, but orders were issued for her to be fumigated there. She will also be fumigated when she returns here.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 18.—A private telegram from Key West reports thirty-three new cases of yellow fever and one death. Dr. Porter telegraphs that it is almost impossible to get a bulletin, as physicians fail to report new cases. The average is thirty or forty of new cases daily. There are about 400 cases there now.

Three Chinamen on the Olympia Get a Permit to Land.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The Collector of Customs in New York has been directed to admit three Chinamen from the cruise Olympia, upon the arrival of that vessel, in order that they may take part in the parade in honor of Admiral Dewey. These three men are not enlisted men, and a special permit for their landing temporarily. This, however, will not entitle them to remain in the United States. There are other Chinese on the Olympia, but they are not permitted to land. It is necessary for their landing.

THE BOERS ARE UNITED.

STAND TOGETHER IN THE REJECTION OF BRITISH DEMANDS.

Arrival of Artillery on the Natal Border Causes Some Excitement—Rumors of a Move Against Natal—Orange Free State Now Openly Acting with the Transvaal.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. PRETORIA, Sept. 18.—In an interview to-day Secretary of State Reitz contradicted the reports that the Executive Council and the Volksraad were not in accord on the question of granting the franchise to the Uitlanders. A considerable minority of the Volksraad forcing an unrestricted five years' franchise. Mr. Reitz declared that it was most important for the world to know that the Government, the Volksraad and the people of the Transvaal were acting in the most complete accord. He said that any further delay in the Republic would be made in conjunction with the Orange Free State.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 18.—The Cape Times has again raised an outcry against the Cape Government for allowing the Orange Free State to import arms and ammunition by way of Port Elizabeth, where supplies continue to arrive.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—A despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, to the Cape Times, says that the arrival of the States Artillery on the border has created a panic among the Boers. Charleston has been deserted and the Boers, who believe now that their Government means business, have sent their families to a laager on the Natal side of the border.

A despatch to the Times from Johannesburg, via Newcastle, says it is stated that an early coup is contemplated. Large quantities of forage have been forwarded toward the Natal border and this is taken to indicate a move on the part of the troops to that quarter. The Orange Free State Government are buying horses freely.

MANCHESTER, Sept. 18.—The Guardian's London correspondent says the sense of gloom and anxiety over the news from the Transvaal is not confined to any one political party.

Secretary Chamberlain's policy has met only lukewarm acceptance by a certain section of the ministerialists, while others are directly opposed to his views. The great body of waverers have so far gone on without taking any definite side in the hope and belief that whatever else happened it would not be war.

"The idea that we would actually force the franchise proposals at the point of the bayonet," the correspondent says, "is absolutely confined to a small group who want war for its own sake and who from the first have only looked on the franchise proposal as a useful pretext."

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The Temps, discussing the Transvaal's reply, declares that war because it would be not only a scandal for humanity, but would raise the gravest questions for the future of the British Empire, threatening its supremacy in South Africa. It asks: "Will the England of Peel, Cobden, Bright and Gladstone regain possession of herself at the eleventh hour and prevent the reign of Victoria from ending in a reign of terror?"

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—In government quarters the view is taken that the Transvaal's position in dealing with the Transvaal could not and would not be taken for weakness, and that she ought to continue the negotiations. The opinion prevails in military circles that war would be no child's play.

THE BOERS' FIRM REPLY.

Rejects All New Demands and Hopes That England Will Withdraw Them.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 18.—The Colonial Office gives out the following as the official version of President Kruger's reply to the latest proposals made by Great Britain:

"After acknowledging the receipt of Secretary Chamberlain's despatch, the Boer reply says: 'This Government wishes to state that it learns with a feeling of deep regret that it must be understood that her Majesty's Government has withdrawn from the position it has taken in your letter of Aug. 23 and accepted by this Government, and substitutes in its place an entirely new proposal.'"

"SAYS THE REPUBLIC WAS MISLED."

"The proposal which has now lapsed was contained in the letters of this Government of Aug. 10 and Aug. 21, and was induced by suggestions given by the British diplomatic agent to the State's Attorney of the Transvaal. These suggestions were accepted by this Government in good faith on express request, which was equivalent to an assurance that the proposal would be acceptable to her Majesty's Government. It was in no way the object of this Government, nor is it now, to make any needless recantations of its conduct. It is about the political status as an independent State, as defined in the London Convention of 1854, but only to try and put an end to the state of tension by meeting her Majesty's Government upon a proposal which it supposed to be constituted, both in spirit and form, in such a way as the Transvaal was bound to understand would be satisfactory to her Majesty's Government. This Government cannot disguise from itself that, in making the proposals contained in its note of Aug. 10, it probably ran the danger not only of the proposal being disclaimed by the South African Republic, but also of the proposal being disclaimed by the British Government. It was in consequence prepared to recommend to the South African Republic Volksraad and to the South African Republic Volksraad, in making the proposals contained in its note of Aug. 10, it probably ran the danger not only of the proposal being disclaimed by the South African Republic, but also of the proposal being disclaimed by the British Government. It was in consequence prepared to recommend to the South African Republic Volksraad and to the South African Republic Volksraad, in making the proposals contained in its note of Aug. 10, it probably ran the danger not only of the proposal being disclaimed by the South African Republic, but also of the proposal being disclaimed by the British Government. 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